

A. Status of the Application

- Claims **69-71, 73-79, and 120-141** are pending in the application, of which claims **69, 120 and 131** are independent claims.
- Claims **18-20, 22-28, 86 -88, 90-96** are withdrawn.
- Claims **18, 22, 28, 69, 79, 120, 127, 128, 130 and 133-141** are amended.
- Claims **1-17, 21, 29-68, 72, 80-85, 89, 97-119** are cancelled.
- There are 52 total claims and 3 independent claims.

Accordingly, entry of the amendments is respectfully requested. Applicants intend to pursue the subject matter of the previously cancelled claims, in one or more continuing applications.

B. General Comments on Dependent Claims

Since each of the dependent claims depends from a base claim that is believed to be in condition for allowance, Applicants believe that it is unnecessary at this time to argue the allowability of each of the dependent claims individually. However, Applicants do not necessarily concur with the interpretation of the dependent claims as set forth in the Office Action, nor do Applicants concur that the basis for the rejection of any of the dependent claims is proper. Therefore, Applicants reserve the right to specifically address the patentability of the dependent claims in the future, if deemed necessary.

C. Authorization for Email Communication

Recognizing that Internet communications are not secure, Applicants hereby authorize the USPTO to communicate with any authorized representative concerning any subject matter of this application by electronic mail. Applicants understand that a copy of these communications will be made of record in the application file.

D. Conclusion

Applicants hereby authorize the USPTO to communicate with any authorized representative concerning this application by electronic mail.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims overcome the Examiner's rejections in the Final Action, and the claims are in condition for allowance. Applicants requests that the application be passed to issue in due course. The Examiner is urged to telephone the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number noted below if it will advance the prosecution of this application, or with any suggestions to resolve any condition that would impede allowance.

Applicants' undersigned attorney can be reached at the address shown below. All communications should be directed to the undersigned at her direct line (857) 413-2056 or e-mail address: rma@cantor.com.

Respectfully submitted,

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